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Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Omitted Item(s) in A Nonprovisional Application dated October 22, 2001, which states that Page 32 was omitted from the application filed on February 5, 2001. Submitted herewith, as evidence, is a copy of our Transmittal, original receipt and PTO-stamped receipt indicating that a new patent application (a total of 43 pages containing specification, claims and abstract) was filed on February 5, 2001 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on that date. For your convenience, attached is a copy of Page 32.

The required \$130.00 Petition fee is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h).

In accordance with Option I of the Notice and upon determination that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office received the omitted item, the undersigned requests that the petition fee be refunded .

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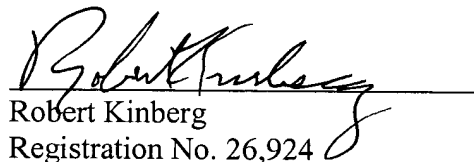
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Deposit Account No. 22-0261, with any fees due or to credit our account with any overpayment.

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